

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Kansas City Power & Light Company)
for Authority to Issue Debt Securities)

File No. EF-2012-0187

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the Staff Counsel Department, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) December 19, 2011 Order Directing Staff to File A Pleading Stating When It Will File A Recommendation In This Case. The Staff hereby states that it will file a recommendation in this file on February 16, 2012. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On December 16, 2011, Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCPL”) filed an Application for, among other things, authority to issue up to \$300 million principal amount of debt securities through December 13, 2013 to meet new financing and refinancing requirements, and to enter into interest rate hedging instruments in connection with such debt securities. KCPL intends to issue such debt, up to the authorized amount, through one or a number of offerings to be determined from time to time by KCPL. The debt securities may take the form of secured or unsecured senior or subordinated debt, “fall away” mortgage debt, or subordinated debt issued to special purpose financing entities, and with fixed or variable interest rates not to exceed nine percent (9%) on (i) fixed-rate notes or (ii) the initial rate on any variable rate notes.

2. KCPL will file with the Commission within ten (10) days of the issuance of any debt securities authorized in this file a report including the amount of debt securities issued, date of issuance, interest rate (initial rate if variable), maturity date, and redemptive schedules or special terms, if any. KCPL will also file a statement of the portion of the issuance of the debt securities, if any, which is subject to the fee schedule in Section 386.300 RSMo. 2000 and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(F).

3. KCPL has requested a March 16, 2012 approval date so that it may secure financing on a timely basis.

4. On December 19, 2011 the Commission issued an Order directing the Staff to file by December 30, 2011 a pleading stating the date by which the Staff will be able to file a recommendation in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE the Staff responds to the Commission's December 19, 2011 Order Directing Staff to File A Pleading Stating When It Will File A Recommendation In This Case, and states that it will file a recommendation in this file on February 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steven Dottheim

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served via e-mail on all counsel of record this 30th day of December, 2011.

/s/ Steven Dottheim